

AMHERST SOLID WASTE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES Dec. 8, 2005

IN ATTENDANCE: Pat Church, Chair; Clare Bertrand, Temporary Clerk, Meg Vickery, Marlene Barnett, Recycling Coordinator, Guilford Mooring, DPW Superintendent. Hwei-Ling Greeney, visiting Select Board member.

1. **Reviewed Minutes:** small changes recommended and approved.
2. **School Food Composting program:** The bins that were offered to the High School did not prove to be effective. They indicated they would work to find something appropriate. M. Vickery suggested we work to get composted soil from the farm as a promotion during Earth Day and also possibly setting up a competition for an art design from school students. Marlene described the signs that are now being used on bins in schools which are working well. Hwei-Ling Greeney recommended contacting parents through the Parent Center at the High School. Marlene will work on this.
3. **SWC membership:** Shannon Davis, UMass connection and Water Watch activist is interested in becoming a part of this committee. Ms. Greeney also offered to make a pitch at SB meeting.
4. **Business Survey:** No new surveys came in. Pat Church recommended calling businesses and then re-sending.
5. **Updates:** Marlene indicated that "New Resident Recycling Options" is now on the Amherst Town website.
Guilford Mooring has been called to active duty in the Middle East for one year and will be leaving in late January.

Next meeting: January/February will be a focus on business recycling efforts. Meeting adjourned at 5:00 respectfully: Clare Bertrand, for Meg Vickery,